Commission Business Meeting Notes

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Post-Meeting Summary Notes, Drafted and Presented by Rob Bockman

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Today's business meeting started at 2:01 p.m. with item one on the supplemental agenda: the appointment of a hearing officer in Docket No. 2019-281-S. David Butler was appointed to this role by the Commission.

Moving on to the utilities agenda: item one was a request for the approval of a resale forbearance amendment to the master resale agreement between two utility providers; this request was granted following a motion made by Commissioner Hamilton.

Item two was a request for approval of transportation services with firm gas standby between two utility providers; this request was granted following a motion made by Commissioner Howard.

Item three dealt with three motions before the Commission in Docket No. 2019-281-S. Commissioner Ervin moved to grant the initial motion, a request from ORS to file testimony and exhibits under seal, to hold in abeyance the second motion, and to deny the third motion to strike the pre-hearing briefs. This motion carried.

Item four involved setting a response date for parties in Docket No. 2019-184-E to respond to Dominion Energy's mitigation protocols (filed on June 1st, 2020). Commissioner Belser moved to require responses by July 6th, 2020, and her motion passed.

Item five involved Duke Energy Progress, LLC's petition for an accounting order authorizing it to defer certain costs. Commissioner Whitfield brought the motion to grant this request, noting that ORS had no objections to the request under the basis that the "issuance of an accounting order in this matter will not preclude the ORS, Commission, or any other party from addressing the reasonableness and prudency of these costs as well as determining if carrying costs should be included on all or part of the deferral in a subsequent general rate case or other proceeding." Commissioner Whitfield's motion carried.

In addition to these items, Commissioners were also briefed on fifty-four other issues related to utilities in South Carolina. The complete list of these items, as well as links to dockets and all materials, is available on the Docket Management System at dms.psc.sc.gov.

Item one on today's transportation agenda was a request for a class-c certificate, which was granted following a motion made by Commissioner Hamilton.

Item two was a request to amend a certificate to reflect statewide service and a request for exemption regarding vehicle ID markings. Commissioner Howard moved to grant the request to read "statewide," but also moved that the request for vehicle ID markings be held in abeyance, contingent upon ORS review of the matter. ORS, per Commissioner Howard's motion, must review and comment by July 17th, 2020. This motion carried.

Finally, time three was a request for reinstatement, which was granted following a motion made by Commissioner Belser.

In addition to the items upon which action was taken, Commissioners were also advised on two more issues pertaining to transportation dockets. Those can be reviewed on the Docket Management System.

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